

Gregory Thibodeaux

From: Andrea Bryant
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:19 PM
To: Gregory Thibodeaux
Subject: FW: FW: Advisory Opinion Request

Mr. Thibodeaux,

Please see Ms. Calloway's response below. Where she indicates "GAP" she is referring to Guardian Angels. Please advise if additional information is needed. Thank you.

From: Rosalind Calloway [mailto:guardianangelsplace@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:14 PM
To: Andrea Bryant <Andrea.Bryant.DCFS@LA.GOV>
Subject: Re: FW: Advisory Opinion Request

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Hello, actually the process it's still pending as I sought another individual to assist with this position, but she submitted her CBC to LSP by mail which is delaying the time frame even longer. GAP is however regulated through the Licensing Division of DCFS with the Central Office of Baton Rouge. Being that we are still not yet operating, as I can't obtain license until securing a home study approver, haven't received any payments yet. However, being that GAP is a nonprofit organization, grant funding & fundraising efforts will be implemented to pay certify homes/cover foster children's expenses. The option to establish a contract with OJJ and/or DCFS to accept children in their custody is available & provided as well.

On Tue, Jan 4, 2022 at 4:20 PM Andrea Bryant <Andrea.Bryant.DCFS@la.gov> wrote:

Hello,

I know you had to proceed without me. However, I still continued on with the board. Please see the email below and advise how does Guardian Angels get paid for certifying homes. I did advise that I know it is not via DCFS Child Welfare, for which I work, but they still want to know who pays you. Thank you so much.

From: Gregory Thibodeaux
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Andrea Bryant <Andrea.Bryant.DCFS@LA.GOV>
Subject: RE: Advisory Opinion Request

Ms. Bryant,

One more question.

How does Guardian Angels get paid for certifying foster homes?

From: Andrea Bryant
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Gregory Thibodeaux <Gregory.Thibodeaux@la.gov>
Subject: RE: Advisory Opinion Request

Hello,

1. I supervise a unit of foster care caseworkers. These caseworkers service parents/caretakers whose children are in DCFS custody. I ensure that the caseworkers develop case plans for the parents/caretakers. These case plans must address the safety reasons, such as substance abuse, mental health, etc., that brought the families to DCFS attention and caused the children to be in DCFS custody. I ensure caseworkers are making their monthly home visits with the children in the foster home. I review and approve case plans and court reports, attend court hearings, and testify, when warranted on foster care cases.

2. Guardian Angels will not be supervised or regulated by DCFS. However, they will work to certify homes for children that are in DCFS custody. Therefore, the procedure they use to certify homes will be similar to that of the DCFS Home Development Unit. When I mean procedure, I mean they will require that the families clear criminal background checks, have a physical, do not have a valid case of abuse or neglect with DCFS, etc., just as our Home Development unit does.

As a foster care supervisor, I do attempt to locate certified foster homes for children who come into DCFS custody. However, I have nothing to do with the certification process. That task is strictly limited to the DCFS Home Development Unit staff.

From: Gregory Thibodeaux
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 10:10 AM
To: Andrea Bryant <Andrea.Bryant.DCFS@LA.GOV>
Subject: Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Ms. Bryant,

I am currently working on your advisory opinion request and I have a few questions that I need answered before I can fully analyze your issue.

(1) What are your duties as a child Welfare Supervisor in the Foster Care program?

(2) Will Guardian Angels Place, LLC be supervised or regulated by DCFS?

Please provide me with this information as soon as possible so that I can get your matter before our Board for the next meeting.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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